कमी नहीं आ रही है। तथापि गत तीन वर्षों के दौरान दलहनों के उत्पादन में उतार-चढाव होता रहा है जैसा कि नीचे दिये गये आंकड़ों से देखा जा सकता है:

वर्ष	उत्पादन
1995-96	123.10
1996-97	144.60
1997-98	130.75 (अनुमानित)

(ख) और (ग) जी, हां। 1996-97 की तुलना में 1997-98 के दौरान दलहनों के मूल्यों में वृद्धि की प्रवृत्ति देखी गई है। तथापि, ज्यादातर मामलोम में दलहनोम के मूल्य 1995-96 की तुलना में या तो बराबर ही रहें या कम रहे।

1997-98 में मूल्यों में वृद्धि का कारण 1997-98 में दलहन-उत्पादन का कम होना है।

(घ) देश में दलहन-उत्पादन में बढ़ोतरी करने के लिए 26 राज्यों/केन्द्र शा. प्रदेशोम में 282 जिलों को कवर करते हुए, राष्ट्रीय दलहन विकास परियोजना की एक केन्द्रीय प्रायोजित योजन कार्यान्वयनाधीन है जिसके अतंर्गत बीजों के उत्पादन तथा वितरण, बीज मिनीकिटों, स्पिंकलर सेटों, उन्नत कृषि उपस्करों आदि जैसे मुख्य-आदानों संबंधी सहायता मुहैया की जाती है। इसके अतिरिक्त, भारतीय कृषी अनुसंधान परिषद द्वारा अग्रणी प्रदर्शन तथा कृषि राज्य विभाग द्वारा समेकित कीट प्रबंध-प्रदर्शन आयोजित किए जा रहे हैं। ताकि किसानों में उत्पादन तथा संरक्षण प्रौद्योगिकी का प्रसार किया जा सके।

Shortage of Packing Material for Fruits in Maharashtra

170. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that fruit growers of Maharashtra are facing acute shortage of packaging material such as cartons etc. and high cost of transportation for their yield resulting in heavy losses to them:

(b)if so, the details thereof; and

(c)the remedial measures proposed to be taken by the Central and State Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SOMPAL): (a) to (c) The Government has not received any representation from the fruit growers of Maharashtra regarding the shortage of packing material and high cost of transportation. The Government is, however, providing financial assistance to various organisations such as Cooperative Societies, registered associations of farmers, NGO's, Private and Public Sector Companies and Individual farmers for purchase of plastic crates mainly used in handling and transportation of horticulture products including fruits.

Control of Muhkhuri disease in Madhya Pradesh

171. SHRI KM. SAIFULLAH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a)whether Government are considering any proposal from Government of Madhya Pradesh regarding control of Muhkhuri disease and the expenditure which would be incurred in equal ratio by the Centre and the State;

(b)whether it has been felt that it is not possible for the beneficiary to spend fifty per cent amount of expenditure on vaccination; and

(c)by when Government would take a decision with regard to that proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SOMPAL): (a) No Sir.

(b) and (c) Question does not arise.

Financial Expenditure on Nuclear Explosions

172. DR. SRIKANT RAMCHAN DRA JICHKAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the financial expenditure incurred on the three tests performed on 11th May, 1998 at Pokharan;